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SUBJECT: CORRECTED COPY: SPAIN: DELIVERABLES FOR THE US-EU INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON IRAQ

REF: A. MADRID 02133

[¶B.](#) SECSTATE 103222

This is a corrected copy of MADRID 02133 (reftel A). Changes in paragraph 2 relate to the note on Spain's pledge disbursement numbers versus EB's numbers.

[¶1.](#) Summary: Charge delivered reftel talking points to MFA Political Director Rafael Dezcallar. Dezcallar said Foreign Minister Moratinos would attend the conference and that this meeting would be high profile for Spain. Dezcallar said the Spanish government cannot guarantee that its USD 20 million donation to the UNDP for Iraq elections will be disbursed before the US-EU Iraq conference, but stressed Spain remains committed to meeting its Madrid Conference pledge. End Summary.

[¶2.](#) Dezcallar told Charge the MFA cannot guarantee that Spain's USD 20 million dollar donation to the UNDP fund for Iraqi elections will be deposited by the June 22 Conference, as involved agencies continue to work out modalities to deposit the funds. The MFA, the Spanish Agency for International Development and the Ministry of Commerce are working to plan the spending of Spain's remaining USD 140 million pledge from the Madrid Donor's Conference. Dezcallar stressed that Spain is not backtracking, and that Spain remains committed to meeting its Madrid pledge. However he said an additional pledge of aid for Iraq is not likely to be forthcoming, but hoped the U.S. would view Spain's already substantial pledge as significant. He said Spain had disbursed a fair amount already (Note: Spain calculates that it has disbursed USD 117 million to date out of a USD 300 million pledge. World Bank and Department figures put Spain's disbursement at USD 43 million out of a USD 220 million pledge.), and had additionally contributed ten percent of the EU pledge.

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